

**Village of Rhinebeck
Board of Trustees
Budget Workshop
Special Meeting March 18, 2014**

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Trustees Howard Traudt, Brant Neuneker, Heinz Sauer, Treasurer Christina Denu, Resident Gary Kenton, Sarah Imcod from the Observer.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other Business:

Fire Dept Membership:

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept Frank Caputo for membership 2nd by Trustee Traudt all were in favor.

Events:

Taste of Rhinebeck Event application to be held on 4/8/14. Clerk Pat Coon will email to Trustee Neuneker to make sure filled out properly.

Legion Memorial Day parade 5/26/14. The approval is subject to getting an insurance certificate. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept 2nd by Trustee Sauer. All were in favor.

NAMI:

Requested to put white ribbons around the trees up & down the village street's, in recognition of National Alliance of Mental Illness month from 5/1-6/1/14. Trustee Neuneker motioned to approve 2nd by Trustee Sauer. All were in favor.

NYSDOT TAP:

Transportation Alternative Program workshops Safe Routes to School's – Basic requirements & Fed Aid 101 to be held on 4/8/14 in Poughkeepsie. Trustee Neuneker is interested in going.

Asher Dam – FEMA:

Mayor Tortarella & Trustee Traudt met with Nancy D. & Nancy C. from Erdman & Anthony in regards to the NYS bid package & long term plan. Erdman & Anthony refuse to quote on Pedestrian Bridge on Mill Street. Tom Mannix will do the plan for repairs. Also need GEO Tech plan for dam rip rap & other issues. The Mayor & Trustee Traudt will arrange an appointment with Tom Mannix.

Outside Accounting Audit:

Trustee Sauer motioned to have Lori Doty audit all cash accounts except Water & Waste Water. The cost for such audit will be \$3,000. This will also satisfy the plan of action from NYSCOM audit, 2nd by Trustee Traudt. All were in favor.

KVS Accounting Software:

Trustee Sauer had contacted other Villages to get their opinion on the software all like it very much. He will make a motion after the new quote comes in.

Village Garage:

Resident Kenton reported that the compost toilets will not work at the garage plus the cost is very high.

PANDA:

Discussion was do we need PANDA? Trustee Neuneker will look at agreement with PANDA & Time Warner as well.

Executive Session:

Mayor Tortarella motioned to into executive session for personnel matters 2nd by Trustee Sauer. All were in favor.

Budget Workshop:

Trustee Sauer motioned to close executive session & resume budget workshop 2nd by Trustee Traudt.

Accounting Consultant:

Mayor Tortarella motioned to hire Michele Zurhorski at the rate of \$35/hr 2nd by Trustee Sauer. All were in favor.

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Chestnut Street Culvert:

Trustee Traudt, Neunecker & Sauer discussed removing old culvert & putting in one large culvert.

Street Dept:

Trustee Traudt stated that the Street Dept. needs to replace a dump truck & would like to get a smaller one (Ford F350 4X4). They 2009 truck will be paid off in September 2014.

Mayor Tortarella asked to have another budget workshop on Wed 3/26/14 at 6PM.

Mayor Tortarella motioned to adjourn 2nd by Trustee Sauer. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Christina Denu
Deputy Village Clerk